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For : METHODS OF INHIBITING BINDING OF  $\beta$ -SHEET FIBRIL TO  
RAGE AND CONSEQUENCES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted along with the RCE enclosed herewith in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed May 19, 2003, making an Appeal Brief due July 19, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The fee for a one-month extension for a small entity is \$55.00. A check for \$430.00 is enclosed, which amount includes the extension fee and the RCE filing fee. With the one-month extension, an Appeal Brief is now due on August 19, 2003, and this Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. Accordingly, this Amendment and RCE are being timely filed.

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